

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB 679

HEARING DATE: March 9, 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Agriculture

TITLE: (Hilgert) Adopt the Bison Act

ROLL CALL VOTE – FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Chambers, Cudaback, Dierks, Robak, Schellpeper, Schrock, Vrtiska
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Hilgert

PROPOSERS

Joe Kohout

REPRESENTING

Senator John Hilgert

OPPOSERS

Bill Peters

Larry Mason

Dr. Dennis Hermes

Louis LaRose

Lori Peterson Kreifel

Johna Walker

Buffalo Bruce

Mike Smiley

Berdine Maginnis

David Hutchinson

REPRESENTING

Nebraska State Buffalo Association

Nebraska State Buffalo Association

Nebraska State Buffalo Association

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Peterson Buffalo Ranch

Self

Chadron Environmental Resource Center

Self

Self

Hutchinson Buffalo Ranch

NEUTRAL

Mark Brohman

REPRESENTING

Nebraska Game & Parks

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SUMMARY OF PURPOSE AND/OR CHANGES:

LB 679 creates the Bison Act. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the testing, control, and eradication of bison diseases. The department is authorized to issue permits to individuals who own, possess, buy, sell or barter bison in the state and enforce permit requirements. The bill also establishes the Bison Control Commission to advise the department on disease testing and quarantine protocols and herd management.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS, IF ANY:

Senator